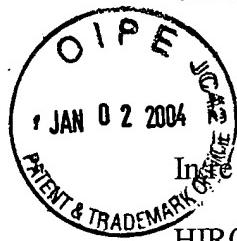


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROAKI MIHARA ET AL.

Application No.: 10/071,799

Filed: February 11, 2002

For: A LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD, A
SUBSTRATE FOR USE OF SUCH
HEAD AND A METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE THEREFOR

) Examiner: Juanita D. Stephens

) Group Art Unit: 2853

) December 30, 2003

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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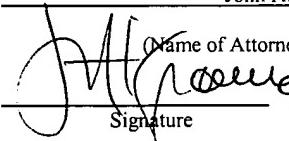
In the above-identified application, wherein a Notice of Allowance was issued on September 30, 2003, and wherein a Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith, please amend the claims as follows.

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